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St. James's, December 13.

THis Day Baron Spanheim, Ambaſſador-Extraordinary from the King of Pruſſia, had a private Audience of her Majeſty, to condole the Death of his Royal Highneſs the Prince; conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell, Maſter of the Ceremonies, and introduced by Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Monſieur de Vrybergen, Envoy-Extraordinary from the States General of the United Provinces, had alſo this Day a private Audience of her Majeſty, to condole the Death of his Royal Highneſs; conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell, Maſter of the Ceremonies, and introduced by Mr. Secretary Boyle.

The Humble Addreſs of the Preſident and Council of Her Majeſty's Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, congratulating Her Majeſty upon the Diſappointment of the late intended Invaſion of *Scotland*, having been tranſmitted to Colonel *Nathaniel Blackſton*, was preſented to Her Majeſty by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Sunderland*, Principal Secretary of State.

Which Addreſs Her Majeſty received very graciouſly.

Vienna, December 8. *N. S.* The Deliberations of the Diet of Presburg are ſtill ſuſpended, nor is it probable that they will be reaſſumed, 'till it be known whether the Malecontents will accept of a Ceſſation of Arms upon the Terms offer'd by this Court. Count Tolvay, a Protonotary of Hungary, and formerly a Priſoner among the Malecontents, who has been ſent from hence to Negotiate this Matter with Prince Ragotzi and Count Berezeni, is not yet returned, neither has he hitherto ſent any account of what Progreſs he has been able to make in his Negotiation. The Imperial Officers who command in the Towns ſituated in the Mountains of Upper Hungary, lately recovered out of the Hands of the Malecontents, complain of the great Scarcity of Proviſions in thoſe Parts, and of all other things neceſſary for the Subſiſtance of the Troops. The Malecontents, when they retired from thoſe Mountains, carried away with them, or deſtroyed, all the Tools and Inſtruments neceſſary for working in the Mines; but care is taken to provide all proper Materials, and to ſet Miners at work, in order to reap the Fruits of this Conqueſt. The chief Nobility of thoſe mountainous Parts, who are employed by the Malecontents in Civil or Military Truſts, retired with Prince Ragotzi and Count Berezeni, abandoning their Eſtates; but a great many of the Gentlemen, who are Inhabitants of that Country, have ſubmitted themſelves to the Emperor. Baron Trige, who was marching with Recruits to the Troops in Tranſilvania, is obliged to ſtop on the Frontiers of Sclavonia, Count Caroli having ſecured the Paſſes into Tranſilvania with a Body of 9000 Men: As the Imperialiſts have recovered the Mountains of Upper-Hungary, ſo the Malecontents have again made themſelves Maſters of the Mountains in Tranſilvania.

Berne, December 8. *N. S.* The Letters from Milan of the firſt Inſtant ſay, the Emperor had confirmed to the City of Polonia its ancient Government and Privileges, granted to them by Charles the Fifth; ſo that the Legat and Vice-Legat are excluded from having any part in the new State: That the Imperialiſts have put Garriſons in Ravenna, Rimini, Imola, and Faenza, and were marching towards Peſaro, Fano and Senigalia. Thoſe from Genoa adviſe, that our Fleet had reduced Porto Longone in the abſence of the Governor, who was gone to attack Orbitello: The Governor having failed in that Deſign, and being cut off from Porto-Longone by the Engliſh Squadron, was obliged to retire to Civita Vecchia with two Galeys belonging to the Squadron commanded by the Duke of Turſis. The great Snows have hindered the Couriers of Geneva and Italy from arriving here to Day.

Berlin, December 17. *N. S.* The Town of Cologn not having yet given the King Satisfaction for the Affront offered, ſome time ago, to his Reſident at that Place, his Majeſty hath ſent Orders to inquire into the Revenues of all the Cloyſters and Convents belonging to the Roman Catholicks in his Dominions, and hath already begun to oblige thoſe at Halberſtadt to pay him the fourth part of their whole Income; which Demand will be probably made upon all other religious Houſes of the Roman Catholick Perſuaſion within his Majeſty's Territories, unleſs he receives an immediate Reparation of the Injury done to his Miniſter. Monſieur Unrath, who brought a Letter of Congratulation from King Staniſlaus, appears at Court as a Gentleman of that King's Bed-chamber, and not as an Envoy. This Week the Opera and the Maſquerade were both performed with great Magnificence. Letters from Wilda of the 2d Inſtant ſay, That the Czar had entred Smolensko in Triumph, 3000 Swediſh Priſoners, 84 Colours, with the Artillery and Ammunition taken from the Swedes commanded by General Lewenhaupt, marching before him. The Palatine of Smolensko harangued the Czar at the Gate of the City. Thoſe Letters add, That his Czariſh Majeſty had afterwards marched towards the Ukraine, in order to oppoſe the Swedes; and that Prince Repnin had forbid the Inhabitants to pay any Contributions to the Swediſh Forces. They write from Lithuania, that King Staniſlaus had ſent Monſieur Jeruſalki to the Palatine of Beltz, to treat of an Accommodation with him.

From the Camp at Meerlebeck, December 20. *N. S.* The Troops having taken the ſeveral Poſts appointed for them, as well for Blocking up as for Attacking Ghent, his Grace the Duke of Marlborough came this day from Melle to Meerlebeck. Prince Eugene went on Tueſday to Bruſſels, whence he is expected back to morrow, and deſigns to continue ſome Days with his Grace. The Cannon and Ammunition which came up the Schelde from Holland are unloading at Melle, and that from Menin below Deinſe, and Ways are now making to draw them forward to the Batteries, as ſoon as every thing can be ready for it. The Commiſſaries for the Exchange of Priſoners are now aſſembled at Lenſe, in order to put the Articles lately agreed on in Execution, in purſuance whereof ſuch of our Men as were Priſoners at Tournay are already ſent back.

Hague, December 21. *N. S.* The States of Holland are to ſeparate during the enſuing Feſtival: After many Debates concerning a new Fund to be eſtabliſh'd inſtead of that of the Two hundredth Penny, all other Expedients were diſapproved, and the ſame Tax continued. They write from France, that the Duke of Vendoſme arrived at Paris on the 14th Inſtant, and that the next day the Marſhal of Boufflers was alſo returned to Court. Theſe Letters add, that the Mareſchal was received with great Diſtinction, and is created Peer of France. The Reverſion of the Government of Flanders was at the ſame time given to his Son. The Court of France has received advice that the Dutcheſs of Lorrain is brought to Bed of a Son. Letters from Frankfort ſay, that the Count Charles Frederick of Schonborn, Vice-chancellor of the Empire, was elected Coadjutor of the Biſhoprick of Bamberg, on the 13th Inſtant. They add, that they had received Advices that the Army of the Empire, as well as that of the Enemy, began to march into Winter Quarters. The Duke of Berwick had left Strasburg, in order to return to the Court of France. Letters from Italy ſay, that the Pope's Generals make the beſt Diſpoſition they can for the Defence of Rome, and the Caſtle of St. Angelo, againſt the Approach of the Germans; and that the Pope had referred certain Propoſitions made by the Marquis de Prié, to ſome Eminent Caſuiſts, who are to give their Opinion, whether he can grant them with a ſafe Conſcience.

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